

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please insert the following paragraph on page 1, between lines 4 and 5:

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

The present application is a divisional of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/953,298, filed on September 17, 2001, which claims priority to RU 2000124295, filed on September 26, 2000.

Please amend Table 1 beginning on page 12, line 10 as follows:

Table 1

Strain	Phenotype	Accumulation of L-glutamic acid (g/l)
K12 (VKPM B-7)	Wild type	<0.1
B7ILE (VKPM B-8013)	<i>IlvA::Tn5</i>	2.0
VL344thrC⁺ - <u>VL334thrC⁺</u>	<i>IlvA442</i>	12.0